



Legislation & Communication Committee

Report on Activities From Washington, D.C.

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Subject

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Purpose

To provide a legislative update.

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Legislation & Communications Committee

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Dear Colorado River Basin States Representatives,

As the United States Senators for the seven Colorado River Basin States, we place great value on a seven-state consensus agreement regarding management of the Colorado River in 2026 and beyond. We all know the stakes: the drought conditions that confront us are top of mind for you, us, and all of our constituents. We recognize that negotiating any agreement in the Colorado River Basin is a difficult task, and appreciate all of the work that you have done and will do. We understand that a framework for agreement must be developed within a matter of months for it to be properly analyzed by the Department of the Interior and finalized before current agreements expire. We encourage you to meet frequently, to foster a collaborative effort.

We recognize that development of a consensus agreement will require substantial effort and may require legislation for implementation. We stand ready to work with you to ensure necessary authorities are granted by Congress.

We invite you to provide a joint briefing in the months to come to describe what a seven-state agreement could look like and to discuss any legislative action that may be necessary to put that consensus plan into action. We look forward to building on our continued partnership to ensure Colorado River Basin States have the tools needed to avert the worst of the drought crisis that faces us, and to successfully manage our water resources for generations to come.

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Sincerely,


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Executive Orders

- Mandatory directives to Federal Agencies
- Have the force of law
- Policy Tool for Presidents
- Often used in first 100 days

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